(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, there is a proposal for construction of an Administrative Building at Nityananda Nagar plot, Ghatkopar (West) for General Manager (E-II) office.

(b) The details in this regard are as follows:

1. Area of Plot 4526 Sq. Ft.
2. Schedule of accommodation— 41350 Sq. Ft. (Non-Technical)
3. Architect has been appointed.
4. The approximate cost of project would be about Rs. 165 lacs.

(c) The project is likely to be completed by the year 1995-96.

Waiting list of telphones in Bombay

399. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long waiting list for new telephones in Bombay;

(b) if so, by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared in different categories in the different exchanges of Bombay;

(c) the number of persons in the waiting list in different categories in the various exchanges in Bombay;

(d) what are the expansion programme for the next two years; and

(e) whether there is any programme to reduce the waiting list to less than six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, in some of the exchanges.

(b) 8th Five Year Plan of Department of Telecommunications envisage waiting list not to exceed two year in large telphone system like Bombay and telphone practically on demand in rural/tribal areas.

(c) Information is given in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 15]

(d) During 1993-94 it is proposed to add 87000 lines of net switching capacity & 125000 lines of net switching capacity during 1994-95.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Indigenous units not getting orders from DoT

400. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several indigenous manufacturers of components and assembly units in the medium and small sectors had not got any orders from the DoT for the last six months as foreign suppliers were allowed supply and installation of equipment directly in India;

(b) if so, whether these units are facing a financial crunch which is mounting;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that several thousand workers in these units are on the verge of losing their jobs as they were laid off; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure the financial viability of these indigenous small and medium units?